

# PA Call 9/13/22 EtO Outreach

## ATTENDEES:

### PADEP:

John Krueger, PADEP Assistant Bureau Director  
Andrew Fleck, PADEP Modelling Section  
Henry Bonifacio, PADEP Modelling Section SE  
Kirit Dalal, PADEP Modelling SW  
Soumya Arikeri, PADEP Modelling SW  
Mark Wejksznier, PADEP NW – B. Braun  
Eric Gustafson, PADEP NW – Cosmed, ACS  
Matthew Williams, PADEP NW – Cosmed, ACS  
Ngani Ndimbia, EJ Coordinator for the PADEP Western Region

### PA Health Department of Health

Anil Nair, Dept of Health, PA for ATSDR  
Julie Miller, PADOH, Toxicologist

### EPA:

Madeline Beal  
Alice Chow  
Linda Miller

Emily Adler – R3 ATSDR

Alice: PA has a good message

BBraun installed controls – decreased risk from their roles  
Cosmed installed controls – 430 residents – because of controls this has decreased  
ACS is installing controls – only 2 houses in the isopleth map

1. Introductions
2. Brief recap/overview on where we are on a national level and outreach plans nationally.
3. Discussion of PA facilities and sharing of ideas on how to do outreach in a way that best serves communities.

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

12:06 PM

**American Contract Systems** From <[ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/hazardous-air-pollutants-ethylene-oxide/ethylene-oxide-commercial-sterilization-facilities" \l "pa" ]>

- Zelenople ACS also installing controls by **end of September which will lower risk below 100 in a million.**
- **There are only two houses affected.**
- Region recommends posting information (Slide Deck) on website with flyer sent directing residents to website. PA concurrence on this path?

**B Braun Med Inc/Allentown** 901 Marcon Blvd Allentown, PA

- Facility has installed controls,
- <100 in million risk but obligated to do outreach.
- Hybrid or virtual meeting? PA recommendation? Timing? 10/19-10/28?

**Cosmed Group LLC/Erie**

*From* <[ HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/hazardous-air-pollutants-ethylene-oxide/ethylene-oxide-commercial-sterilization-facilities>" \l "pa" ]>

- Erie facility has installed controls and has lower risk.
- **There are 430 houses affected but risk now well below 100 in a million.**
- Type of outreach? Timing? 10/19-10/28 ?

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**Madeline:**

- Do we need to have a community meeting for these facilities/locations?
- If not, then what is the best way to reach those impacted?
- Virtual or in-person events?
  - Mark W. – virtual (at least we have had virtual public hearings)
- November works better for PA facilities
- Can we do another type of outreach for ACS – most definitely better to have online outreach
- B.Braun & Cosmed – may need to do in-person.

**John Gruger:**

- Will defer to the NE and NW offices and our EJ Coordinator as opposed to the central offices.

**Mark W:**

- Would defer to her community relations specialist (for B. Braun) on the best place and way to house the communities. Will invite her (Community Relations Specialist) to the next meeting.
- B.Braun will most likely have a lot of people.
- In-person.

**Eric Gustafson:**

- More industry impacted.
- One house is near the ACS site, but house was outside of the blue map area.
- Cosmed, Erie – may have a lot of interest due to Erie Coke.
- November would work better for ACS.
- Jackson Township asked for a name of a person from EPA that can speak to the questions that his staff has to talk about testifying about the toxicity of EtO.

**Madeline:**

- We cannot update the isopleth maps because the same folks who prepared map are now preparing the rule.
- However, we can shape the messaging.

**John Kruger:**

- We have done our own isopleth maps that shows less increase
  - Andrew Fleck said that (ACS & Cosmed – we don't have modelling to show new emissions)

**Ngani Ndimbia:**

- Asked about the structure of the meeting – Madeline responded.

**Alice:**

- Heard that with the in-person meeting in WV, folks said that more people would have participated.

**10-11-22: PADEP EPA EtO Outreach - Call to discuss meetings at three locations in November.**

**ATTENDEES:**

Min Zhong  
Robert Sax  
Henry Bonifacio  
Soumya Arikeri  
Alice Chow  
Kirit Dalal  
Andrew Fleck  
Taylor Gillespie  
Eric Gustafson  
John Krueger  
Julie Miller (TOX)  
Linda Miller  
Terri White  
Gail Scott  
Mark Wejkszner  
Katie Sneeringer  
Andrew Schweitzer  
Matthew Williams  
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**Suggested Agenda:**

- **Introductions**
- **Discussion of logistics/schedule for Allentown Meeting**
- **Discussion of logistics/schedule virtual meetings for Cosmed and ACS**
- **Next Steps**

### **Action items from previous call**

- a. DEP will confirm recommendation for virtual meetings for Cosmed and ACS based on discussions with PADEP Community Engagement and EJ staff
- b. DEP will provide suggested locations for in person meeting in Allentown for BBraun
- a. EPA committed to work with PA on messaging to highlight reduced risk with installed controls
  - a. EPA requesting support from public health colleagues at meetings (ATSDR or PADOH TBD)

### **John Kruger:**

- Asked for a week or days to plan meeting. (Suggested dates 11/10, 11/17) – KAREN TO UPDATE SPREADSHEET DONE – working backwards / set up a meeting end of next week-Linda / put calendar hold on RA's call or high-level senior manager.
  - 11/10 Cosmed – Eric Gustafsen needs to check with his modeling team
  - 11/17 B. Braun
  - 7-8:30 p.m. (will block calendars from 6-10 p.m.) – need captioner,
- Most effective outreach – have folks that they can reach out to folks to help with the planning. (Madeline suggested that they send them to R3.)
- Virtual may be best.
- B. Braun, Allentown facility is not in an EJ community, but it is near one. Residences in condo, apartments, not single-family homes. PADEP folks will reach out to Lehigh University to see how best to reach out to communities.
- Ngani Ndimbie – can assist with lists of Elected Official, EJ, etc.
- NW it will be most of the same people, NE separate
- ACS, Zelienople, PA has been shut down under zoning order until decision is made on after hearing – should delay until December.
- B. Braun, Allentown – ASTDR have not been involved.
- EPA's presentation – it is what is on your website.
  - Madeline said yes we will talk to information on website.
  - We will say that the risk numbers have come down.
  - Alice Chow – EPA is not going to do the additional modeling at this point.
- Folks want to know are things getting better or worse – they don't need to know the modeling information.

**Eric G.** said that in one case the company did the modeling and in one case, we did the modeling.

### **Mark Wejksznier – what is PADEP's role?**

- Taylor – we want a collaborative approach.
- General EtO and Risk Information, then Regional staff to go over the map, Public Health Person.
- After EPA's presentation then we can turn over to PADEP

### **Madeline:**

- Key part of message is that EPA gives oversight – and we validate what information is provided.

**Julie Miller, Dept. of Health**

- She would like to be a part of the presentation/dialogue

**PADEP Comms Contacts:**

- Tom Decker, Comms for NW Information
- Colleen , Comms for SE Information
- Jamar and Neil Snayder, too

In terms of Community Outreach – please include health folks

- Ngani Ndimbie for outreach

**Min Zhong** named group to reach out to: The Good Neighbors of

- Some communities are not aware of EtO – spread the word.

**PADEP – hopes that the public gets useful information that gives perspective – give them the best information – and controls reduced risk.**

**Facilities Role – not a place for the industry to give their talking points / EPA wants to build trust so we cannot look like we are working with the facility.**

**Taylor: We are using Zoom Webinar allowing us to**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Taylor – send calendar hold for 11/10 – B. Braun
- Karen – update Timeline Spreadsheet
- Linda – set up next Stakeholders Mtg. for end of next week
- Eric Gustafson & PADEP Folks – to confirm 11/10 date for Outreach